

REMARKS

Claim Status

Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. This paper amends claims 1-3, 22-24, and 26; and cancels claims 27 and 28. Claims 1, 2, 22, 24, and 26 are the independent claims of the application.

Objections to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings “as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 6b-6d on page 18 of the present application specification.” Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection or its clarification.

The rule in question reads as follows: “Reference characters not mentioned in the description shall not appear in the drawings. Reference characters mentioned in the description must appear in the drawings.” 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(p)(5). The description on page 18 of the present application does not mention any reference characters, and Figures 6B-6D do not have reference characters. It appears therefore that the drawings comply with Rule 1.84(p)(5).

Note that the “BonneVie@Home” category title mentioned on page 18 of the specification is

not designated with a reference character.

Objections to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the Abstract. Accordingly, a new Abstract is provided herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment of the Abstract obviates the objection.

Art Rejections

Claims 1-11 and 14-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Wical, U.S. Patent Number 6,112,201 (“Wical” hereinafter). Claims 12 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wical in view of Katinsky *et al.*, U.S. Patent Number 6,452,609 (“Katinsky” hereinafter). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections for the following reasons.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites a categorization structure with a plurality of nested cascading category levels. Each of the category levels includes a plurality of titles of content stored on a storage device or devices, and each title includes a link-token to its content. Each title is coupled to a hidden nested subcategory structure comprising link-tokens of category titles comprised in said each category title. For example, the subcategory structure of a web page title has the links to each of the web pages linked from that web page. Wical apparently does not disclose such a

subcategory structure with multiple link-tokens. At least for this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that Wical does not anticipate independent claim 1.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and recites that the nested cascading category levels are displayed in response to placing a cursor on a starting symbol and without clicking. Wical apparently does not disclose displaying nested category levels in response to placing a cursor, and does not teach doing so without clicking. At least for this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claim 3 is separately patentable over Wical.

Independent claims 22 and 26 recite, *inter alia*, limitations similar to the limitations of claim 3 discussed above, and are not anticipated by Wical at least for the same reasons.

Independent claim 2, as amended, recites a system for tracking the navigation and browsing of electronic media, and facilitating the changing of navigation and browsing path at will with one single click to retrieve any desired content within inter-linked content structure that comprises at least three levels. Independent claim 24, as amended, recites a system that includes similar limitations. In rejecting these claims, the Office Action asserted that Wical discloses such systems at column 9, lines 7-55. With regard to claim 2, the Office Action stated that “Wical teaches that the user can select a category level at any level and browse at any point in the hierarchical structure.” With regard to claim 24, the Office Action stated that “Wical teaches the user can select on the title with a mouse or other input device to reach any one of the titles in the displayed structure.” In the cited portion and elsewhere, Wical apparently does not teach that the user uses a single click to both reach the desired display and then retrieve the content, and in particular when the hierarchy includes

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at least three levels. (Note that Figure 6D of the present application shows three category levels under “Category Listings.”) At least for this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 24 are not anticipated by Wical.

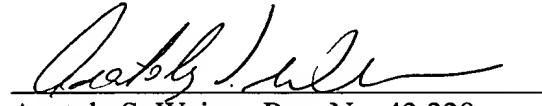
Dependent claims not specifically discussed should be patentable at least for the same reasons as their respective base claims and intervening claims, if any.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are patentable. To discuss any matter pertaining to the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (858) 720-9431.

Having made an effort to bring the application in condition for allowance, a timely notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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